

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **Those present were:**

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Jay Reithel, MDOT; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Jason Garza, MDOT; Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning; Eric Sprague, Bay Metro Transit; Don Mayle, MDOT; Dan Hansford, City of Essexville; Jack Wheatley, Bay City; Jack Hofweber, MDOT - Bay City TSC; Adam Rivard, MDOT-Bay City TSC; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff and; Cyndi Gaul, Secretary, BCATS Staff.

### ***Introductions were made for Jack Hofweber, the new Bay City TSC Manager.***

### **Minutes from August 11, 2011, BCATS Tech meeting:**

It was moved by Reithel, seconded by Wheatley, to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2011 meeting. Motion passed.

### **Travel Demand Model:**

Don Mayle provided preliminary maps of the AM peak, PM peak, mid-day, night and 24 hour from the Travel Demand model for the group to review. Mayle said that if anyone has any questions or if there's anything that should be changed or added to please let him know. Several question arose and Mayle would review the capacity on those segments to see if there is any corrections to be made. Discussion ensued.

### **Project Lists for BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan:**

Engelhardt let everyone know that the project lists for BCATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan are due to him in two weeks. Engelhardt just wants to make sure that the projects are listed. Lillo said that the Road Commission has started their list and it is almost complete. (Dan) of the City of Essexville said that they don't have a list yet and will work on it the end of this week. (Jack) said they are still working on the list and want to see the Midland Street Project (Wenona to Euclid) included in the list. (Jay & Adam) of MDOT said they are working on doing a five-year study plan to prioritize and update projects. Right now they are including the US-10/Mackinaw Road Project. Engelhardt wants to update lists in the new draft plan and put a dollar amount to these projects.

### **TIP Amendment - MDOT:**

Engelhardt discussed the MDOT amendment for M-13/M-84 Salzburg Ave reconstruction for inclusion into the TIP. Westbury brought up that Wenona Ave between Salzburg and Ivy is planned to be reconstructed as part of this project and may have to be included into the project. The city share was not identified and will need to be clarified at the city meeting on October 13, 2011. The cost of the city

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portion should be identified so that it can also be included in the TIP.

A motion was made by Rivard, seconded by Lillo, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to amend the 2011-14 TIP to add the Salzburg Ave project into the TIP with any the possible additions of the costs from Wenona Ave portion to be covered by Bay City. Motion Passed.

### **TIP Selection Criteria:**

Engelhardt explained that there's no deadline for the TIP Selection Criteria. However, he'd like to see the criteria updated before the end of the year. Engelhardt feels the updates should mirror the Federal Policies for reviewing documents.

### **BCATS Title VI Plan:**

Engelhardt had the Bay County Corporation Counsel review the BCATS Title VI Plan.

A motions was made by Hansford, seconded by Lillo, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the BCATS Title VI Plan, subject to any corrections or changes required by MDOT or FHWA. Motion Passed.

### **BCATS Non-Motorized Plan:**

Engelhardt discussed that this document needs to be a fluid document in order to accommodate amendments as changes and upgrades come along.

A motions was made by Wilcox, seconded by Wheatley, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the BCATS Non-Motorized Plan. Motion Passed.

### **Project Updates:**

The **Midland Road Project** paving will begin this week and the project has gone quite well. With this project, Midland Road went from a two-lane road to a three-lane road, plus had new drainage. This project will be completed by the end of October 2011 with seeding to be done in the spring. The **North Union Project** is out for FY2012 and will be replaced with the **Salzburg Rd Project** between 3 Mile Rd and 4 Mile Rd as the City of Bay City is looking to build a new water filtration plant and North Union Rd is one possible location of the new pipe line. The other option is building next to the old plant. Because this issue is not resolved, Lillo would like to flip the projects in case North Union Rd is selected as the location for the new water plant and pipeline. Project will be moved back and the Salzburg Project will be moved forward. An amendment will need to be made in the TIP. Engelhardt suggested that the committee wait until the December meeting before making any TIP Amendments for the North Union/Salzburg switch since more information may be available at that time. Those present agreed. Lillo told

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everyone that the Road Commission was awarded a Maintenance Grant for FY-2014 to do work on three bridges over the Kawkawlin River; Mackinaw Rd, Wheeler Rd and Chip Rd. The **Walnut Street Project** reconstruction is moving along but there have been hold ups due to delays created by AT&T. The **Liberty Bridge** and **Independence Bridge** maintenance will be conducted this winter. While work is being done on the bridges they will be closed down to one lane so that traffic will still be flowing. The **MDOT I-75 Project (Crane to M-84)** will be completed the end of October, 2011. The **MDOT I-75 Project (Linwood to Pinconning)** will be completed in mid-November, 2011. The **MDOT M-84 Project** from Delta to Euclid Avenue will be completed in mid-November, 2011. There will be a detour in affect until the project is completed. The MDOT has completed a change in the signal configuration at M-13 Connector and Wilder Rd. The off ramp now uses a turn lane for left turns only and one for right turns only.

### **Other/New Business:**

#### ***Road Commission PASER Ratings:***

Lillo discussed the Road Commission PASER Ratings of the Bay County Roads and said that they are very close to be complete. When done, the whole county will have rated roads for the second time.

As there was no other business, the October 11, 2011 meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

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